(c) Preventive steps as laid down in detail in the Coal Mines Regulations, directives of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Expert Committee recommendations as also in the recommendations of various Courts of Inquiry, Safety Conferences, etc. are adopted by the mine managements. For better observance of these steps Government is promoting self-regulation by coal companies through internal safety audits, workers' participation in safety management, tripartite/bipartite reviews at various levels training and re-training of work persons, observance of safety weeks/safety campaigns and National Safety awards.

Free Trade Zones in Madhya Pradesh

694. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Free Trade Zones (FTZ) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to set up new Free Trade Zones in view of the increasing exports from Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when these Zones are likely to be set up;

(d) whether there is any specific demand from Bilaspur and Raipur Divisions to set up FTZ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no Free Trade Zone in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The terms "Free Trade Zones" (FTZ) and "Export Processing Zones" (EPZ) in the Indian Context are synonymous. Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Processing Zones there is no porposal at present for the Central Government to set up new Zones in the country. However, EPZs can now be established by the State Governments or in joint/private sectors.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Workshop for Elimination of Child Labour

695. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop of District Collectors and Deputy Commissioners on elimination of child labour was held in New Delhi on September 13, 1995;

(b) if so, what suggestions and observations were made therein; and

(c) what was the consensus arrived at in respect of different issues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main recommendations made in the workshop included inter-alia, the following:

(i) Need to ensure a convergence of programmes of Central and State Governments in child labour endemic districts in order to tackle the child labour problem effectively;

(ii) Strengthening of laws like Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and training and equipping enforcement personnel to effectively enforce laws protective of children.

(iii) Achieving effectiveness of child labour projects, by strictly monitoring and evaluating them.

(iv) Adoption of effective educational strategies for the education and vocational training of children withdrawn from work.

(v) Carrying out of a sustained media/awareness campaign to sensitize people against child labour.

Allocation of Levy Sugar to Orissa

696. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of levy sugar allotted to Orissa between January and October during the years 1994 and 1995;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the allocation of levy sugar to Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for the allotment of levy sugar to Orissa in the remaining perod of financial year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) The total quantum of levy sugar allotted to Orissa between January and October during the years 1994 and 1995 for PDS including festival quota is as under:—

(in Metric tonnes)

Period	1994	1995
January to October	133121.4	128900.0

(b) and (c) In view of the increased availability of sugar during the 1994-95 sugar season, an ad hoc increase of 5% in the monthly levy allocation of all States/UTs, which was withdrawn earlier, has been restored with effect from September, 1995. Accordingly, the allocation of levy sugar for Orissa during November and December, 1995 is as follows:

(i) Normal monthly allocation — 12393.0 metric tonnes.

(ii) 5% ad hoc increase in monthly allocation — 620.0 metric tonnes.

However, in view of persistent demand for enhancement of levy sugar quota by the States/UTs on account of increase in population and better availability of sugar, the Government have decided to allocate levy sugar as per 1991 census with effect from 1.1.1996. Accordingly, levy sugar allocation for the State of Orissa works out to 13546.0 metric tonnes from January, 1996 onwards.

Work-Related Deaths and Asia Pacific Conference

697. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that as per ILO's estimates about two lakh work-related deaths occur each year all over the world as reported in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi dated the 17th November, 1995; and

(b) whether the Union Labour Minister presided over the three-day Asia-Pacific Conference on "Safety, Health and Environment Workable Solutions" held recently in New Delhi; if so, what concrete suggestions were made and solutions recommended?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes Sir. As per the estimates of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) about 200,000 work-related deaths occur each year all over the world.

(b) The Union Labour Minister presided over the inaugural function of the three day Asia Pacific Occupational Safety Health Organisation (APOSHO) Conference held from 16th to 18th November, 1995 at New Delhi.